

REMARKS

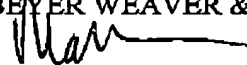
Claims 1, 2, 15, and 16 have been amended to merely clarify the invention, and claim 20 has been cancelled. New claims 21-35 have been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-17, 19, and 21-35 remain pending.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-3, 7-8, 11-12 and 19-20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Towards this end, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 20 (and claim 20 has been cancelled) in the "Amendment J" filed 10 February 2005. That is, claim 1 has been amended to include "the transmit control signals include a synchronization (SYNC) signal" from claim 20. Likewise, independent Claims 15 and 16 have been amended in a similar manner in "Amendment J" filed 10 February 2005. In the present Supplemental Amendment, independent claim 35 includes a similar limitation: "the transmit control signals include a synchronization (SYNC) signal" in addition to other limitations that are similar to distinguishable limitations of claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 15, 16, and 35 are patentable over the cited references.

The Examiner's rejections of the dependent claims are also respectfully traversed. However, to expedite prosecution, all of these claims will not be argued separately. Claims 2-14, 17, 19, and 21-34 depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 15 or 16 and, therefore, are respectfully submitted to be patentable over cited art for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claims 1, 15 or 16. Further, the dependent claims require additional elements that when considered in context of the claimed inventions further patentably distinguish the invention from the cited art.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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